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FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,
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SUBJECT: Request for Comments on the Priority List of Food Additives, Contaminants and
Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA

DEADLINE: 30 January 2006

COMMENTS: To:

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BACKGROUND

1. The 37th Session of the CCFAC agreed on the Priority List of Food Additives, Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA and also agreed to request additional comments for additions or amendments to its Priority List for consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 05/28/12, paras 223 and 225 and Appendix XXIX).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Members and interested International Organizations are invited to provide comments for additions or amendments to the Priority List of Food Additives, Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA, which will be considered at the forthcoming 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants as directed above, ***preferably by e-mail, not later than 30 January 2006.*** Comments should be submitted on the basis of the following attached Annexes to this Circular Letter:

- **Annex I** outlines the Criteria for the Inclusion of Additives and/or Contaminants in the Priority List; and,
- **Annex II** is the form on which Information on the Additive (Part A) or Contaminant (Part B) to be Evaluated by JECFA is provided. In completing Annex II, only brief information is required. The form may be retyped if more space is needed under any one heading provided that the general format is maintained.

ANNEX I**CRITERIA FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIVES AND/OR
CONTAMINANTS IN THE PRIORITY LIST**

In order to be placed on the JECFA priority list the candidate additive or contaminant should meet the following criteria:

For ADDITIVES:

1. Use of the compound in accordance with the general principles for the use of food additives (technological justification and need shall be indicated);
2. Commodities in which the compound will be used are in international trade and represent a significant portion of the diet;
3. Use of the compound will have potential to cause public health and/or trade problems;
4. The compound is commercially available; and,
5. Commitment that a (full) dossier will be available for evaluation by the JECFA.

For CONTAMINANTS:

1. Commodities containing the compound are in international trade and represent a significant portion of the diet;
2. The occurrence of the compound in commodities will have potential to cause public health and/or trade problems; and,
3. Commitment that a dossier (as complete as possible) will be available for evaluation by the JECFA.

ANNEX II
Part A

INFORMATION ON THE ADDITIVE TO BE EVALUATED BY JECFA

1. Proposal for inclusion submitted by:
2. Name of compound; trade name(s); chemical name(s):
3. Names and addresses of basic producers:
4. Has the manufacturer made a commitment to provide data?
5. Identification of the manufacturer that will be providing data (Please indicate contact person):
6. Justification for use:
7. Food products and food categories within the GSFA in which the compound is used, including use level(s):
8. Has the compound been approved for use in 2 or more countries (please identify the countries)?
9. List of data (toxicology, metabolism, specifications) available:
10. Date on which data could be submitted to JECFA:

1. Proposal for inclusion submitted by:
2. Name of compound; chemical name(s):
3. Identification of (additional) data (toxicology, metabolism, occurrence, food consumption) which could be provided to JECFA:
4. List of countries where surveillance data are likely to be available, and if possible list contact person who could provide such data, including quality assurance information on the data.
5. Date on which data could be submitted to JECFA: